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conditions were fair. A sum of Rs. 1,61,000 was placed at the disposal of the Tahsildar, Perambalur, for granting loans liberally in all the deserving cases.''

Remission of kist in Malabar.

* 104 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Collector has sent any report regarding the drought conditions in Malabar, if so, the extent and area affected and whether the Government are considering remission of kist, etc., in Malabar?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Collector of Malabar has sent a report regarding the seasonal conditions in that district. His report shows that the conditions in the district do not warrant any general remission of land revenue. The Collector will however, consider individual cases of remission of land revenue and postponement of loan instalments on their merits.''

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Collector has specified the areas affected by the drought for affording immediate relief or has specified other areas also? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As I have already answered on previous occasions, the Collector is watching the situation very carefully and he has instructed all his subordinate officers to carry on intensive ajmoish and mete out relief in deserving cases.''

Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know the date of the Collector's report? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sometime in January.''

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that some sixteen Members of this Legislature from Malabar have demanded remission of kist and in view of the fact that vast areas have been affected by drought, will the Government call for a special report from the Collector and if necessary give some remission? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Only the latter reason mentioned by the hon. Member is germane to the question and not the number of M.L.As. signing the petition. As far as conditions warrant redress we will give relief.''

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Collector has reported that there are no conditions warranting a general remission of kist in the district. Will the Minister be pleased to ascertain whether there are conditions in particular taluks warranting remission in those taluks? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" From the Collector's report, I understand that grant of remission

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of kist may extend to more than one taluk. Anyway, I will wait for further reports and do what all is possible to give relief."

SRI G. YELLAMANDA REDDI :—" రాష్ట్రంలో జాస్తి రిమిషను యివ్వటానికి కరువు ఏవిధంగా ఎక్కడెక్కడ వున్నదనే సంగతి కలెక్టర్లద్వారా తప్పితే, మంత్రిగారికి తెలియదా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Apart from the fact that I do not know anything about the information the hon. Member gives, I do not understand the question itself."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether remission is given only to those who pay less than hundred rupees by way of kist or to all? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In all deserving cases, remission is given. Probably the hon. Member refers to some recent Government Order mentioned in some papers."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is there any rule or Government Order that the question of remission of kist should be considered by the tahsildar if only the whole sub-division is affected by drought? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" That rule applies to the dry lands. For wet lands it is a different thing. Even if small portions are affected, remission will be given."

Appointment of Gurkhas to watch the police constables during the strike period.

* 105 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether any Gurkhas were kept in Madras to watch the police constables recently during their period of non-acceptance of salaries?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question is based on a misapprehension. This Government did not employ any Gurkhas or others to watch the police constables during the recent agitation."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are not the Government aware of the reports published in the Press about the use of Gurkha soldiers in the Police stations to watch the police constables who refused to receive their pay? If, as the Hon. the Chief Minister says, it is not correct why did not the Government contradict the statements made in the Press? " 9 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no need, Sir, to contradict every false allegation."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" All the responsible Press in the City made that statement . . ."